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In Re Application of: Wolf-Dieter R. Berndt, et al

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For: Dry Cleaning Business Model Algorithm

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MS: Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir: CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

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Respectfully,



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Dear Sir: Response to Office Action dated February 23, 2004

Responsive to Office Action dated February 23, 2004 kindly enter the following response:

Petition: The Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for appropriate extension of time to answer the Office Action dated February 23, 2004. The required extension fee of \$ 740.00 or other appropriate amount is to be charged to Deposit Account 190720.

In the Claims: Withdraw claims 2 and 3, without prejudice.

Re write claim 1 as new claim 4 as follows:

--- 4. A dry cleaning business model algorithm comprising the steps of:

a dry cleaning facility receives and inspects material suitable for dry cleaning from a customer;

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the material suitable for dry cleaning is placed into dry cleaning equipment which has been converted from use with a non-silicone based cleaning solvent to use with a silicone based cleaning solvent;

the equipment is run through a cleaning cycle which includes:

contact of the material being cleaned with silicone based solvent,

filtration of the silicone based cleaning solvent while the cleaning cycle runs, and

separation of water from the silicone based solvent while the cleaning cycle runs;

at the conclusion of the cleaning cycle the material which has been in the converted dry cleaning equipment is removed and treated to remove lint and/or pressed as is necessary;

and, finally, the now dry cleaned material is returned to the customer. ---

Listing of Claims: Listing of claims follows on separate page: